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**BOX PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Application of Salvatore MELIS

**A UNIT FOR THE SERVO-ASSISTED OPERATION OF A MOTOR-  
VEHICLE GEARBOX**  
Our Ref. Q63447

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above including 14 sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, and 2 sheets of drawings. The executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment will be submitted at a later date. Also enclosed is the Information Disclosure Statement.

**Please see attached preliminary amendment before calculating Government filing fee.**

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

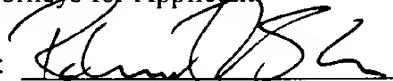
Total claims	12	-	20	=	0	x	\$18.00	=	\$0.00
Independent claims	1	-	3	=	0	x	\$80.00	=	\$0.00
Base Fee									\$710.00

<b>TOTAL FEE</b>	<b><u>\$710.00</u></b>
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A check for the statutory filing fee of \$710.00 is attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and any petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

There is no claim to priority.

Respectfully submitted,  
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